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### **REMARKS**

The present Amendment is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants are aware that the present Amendment is submitted after final rejection of the claims; however, the amendments to claim 1 result merely from the incorporation of subject matter recited in previously submitted dependent claims 5 and 9. Accordingly, the amendment does not require a new search. For the reasons described below, Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of the amended claim 1, as well as claims 2-4 and 6-8, which depend therefrom.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

### **Status of Claims**

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-9 have been rejected.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 5 and 9. No new matter has been added by the amendment.

Claims 5 and 9 have been cancelled without prejudice.

### **CLAIM REJECTIONS**

#### **35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Henderson et al. in view of Zine, Jr. The Examiner's rejection,

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however, is moot in light of Applicants' amendment of claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of claims 5 and 9.

Claim 9, which was presented in the previous Amendment in response to the Office action recites that the sealing lips are flexible and integral to the flexible inner sleeve.

The Examiner has cited Henderson to show sealing lips 32; however, such sealing lips are neither flexible nor integral to the flexible inner sleeve. In fact, none of the prior art of record teaches sealing lips that are flexible and integral to the flexible inner sleeve. Nor does any prior art of record suggest or otherwise make obvious the flexible and integral sealing lips as recited in amended claim 1.

Accordingly, claim 1 is new and non-obvious over the art of record and is deemed to be allowable. Prompt allowance is requested.

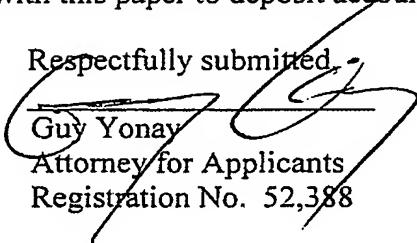
Claims 2-4 and 5-8, which depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 depend from an allowable claim and are likewise deemed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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